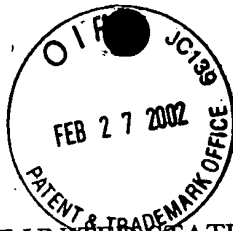


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
ALISON JOAN LENNON ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/986,809 )  
Filed: November 13, 2001 )  
For: METADATA PROCESSES FOR )  
MULTIMEDIA DATABASE ACCESS : February 26, 2002

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-132 to read as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

1. (Amended) A method of interpreting metadata in a multimedia browsing system, said method comprising the steps of:

- receiving a description of an item of multimedia content;
- reviewing the description to identify metadata associated therewith;

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